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- 1. AMBASSADOR FROEWIS REPORTS THAT ON FEBRUARY 19 THE "UGANDA WEEKLY NEWS" REPORTED ON PAGE ONE THAT "A CAMPAIGN BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PERSUADE THE US GOVERNMENT TO IMPOSE A TRADE BOYCOTT AND OTHER MEASURES TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE UGANDA GOVERNMENT FLOPPED MISERABLY." THE PAPER ALSO CITED TESTIMONY BY THE ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE EFFECT THAT A TRADE BOYCOTT WOULD UNDERMINE INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AND WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE.
- 2. THE UGANDAN PAPER ALSO QUOTED AN EDITORIAL FROM NAIROBI'S "THE STANDARD" WHICH STATED THAT AMERICA HAD ITS PRIORITIES WRONG, POINTING TO HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA, IRAN AND THE USSR. MEEHAN

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